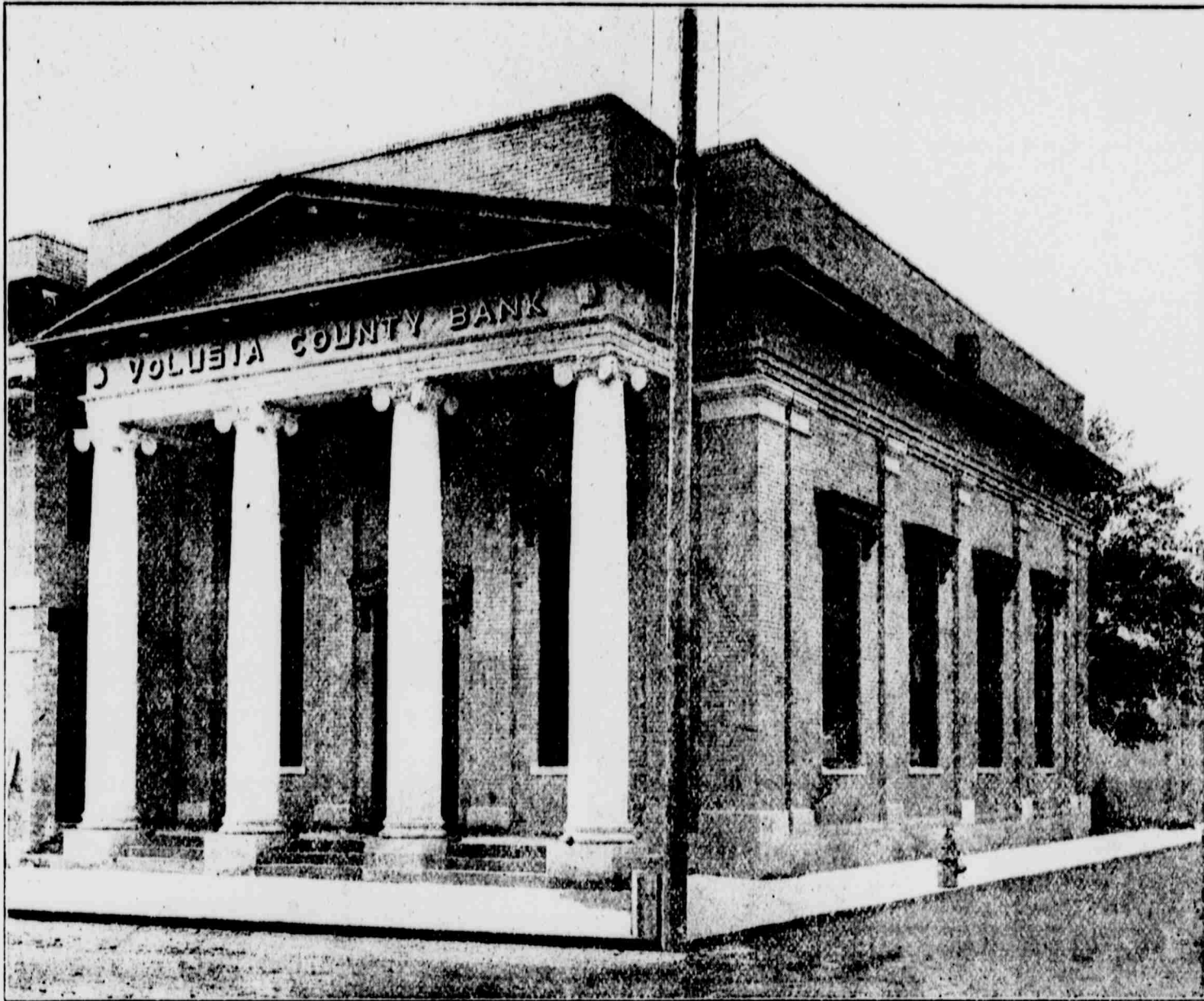


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HANDSOME NEW HOME OF THE VOLUSIA COUNTY BANK

The new home of the Volusia County Bank was thrown open to the inspection of visitors Wednesday afternoon, and crowds spent a pleasant hour looking at the handsome building and its splendid equipment.

This new building with its furniture and fittings, is one of the handsomest banking establishments in the State. It is faced with buff colored sand stone brick, with Indiana limestone trimmings and Ionic columns. The building was erected by W. P. Richardson & Co., of Jacksonville, who were the general contractors. The brick was furnished by the Bond Sand-Stone Brick Company, of Lake Helen, and the limestone by W. P. Kelley, of Jacksonville.

The inside finishing and furniture is of mahogany, and the counters and wainscoting of Italian marble. The floor is laid tile with a large inlaid "V. C. B." monogram at the front entrance. The building is steam heated, electric lighted and contains a private telephone system. The officers each have a private office, which are fitted and furnished with mahogany.

The fixtures were furnished and installed by the G. W. Miller Manufacturing Company of Jacksonville. The vault is of special burglar-proof construction, which opens and closes automatically by a time lock.

The safety deposit vault is in the rear of the main vault, is lined with steel and contains 125 safety deposit boxes. Both vaults are equipped with an automatic burglar alarm system. Their new building represents an investment of about \$12,000, and marks the prosperity and solidity of this banking institution.

The officers of the Volusia County Bank are as follows: A. D. McBride, president; J. B. Conrad, vice-president; S. A. Wood, cashier.

The above named officers together with Charles A. Miller, A. S. Munson and F. R. Osborne, are the directors.

The business of the bank was moved into the handsome new quarters yesterday.

LAKE HELEN.

Lake Helen, Dec. 21.—There will be Christmas services at the Congregational church next Sunday morning, at the usual hour. The minister will preach a sermon in keeping with the Christmas season; Miss Butoff will sing, and the interior of the church will be trimmed for the occasion. Everybody invited.

The Congregational Sunday school will vary their usual way of celebrating Christmas day by doing away with the Christmas tree, and indulging in a surprise for the children. Just what that is we are not at liberty to divulge, but that it will be a good substitute goes without the saying.

So much has been said of late in reference to the hookworm that we wonder someone has not substituted it for Mary's little lamb. If it has not been done we think it needs to be looked into, as the boy said when he heard his father's watch tick. So here it is:

I
Mary had a little worm,
Its hooks were sharp as steel,
And everywhere that Mary went
It hooked her in the heel.

II
It followed her to school one day,
It was against the rule
To see poor Mary double up,
And act so like a "phool."

III
So the teacher turned her off,
And lustily did shout,
"And the hookworm will get you,
If you don't watch out!"

THE BIG HOLIDAY

CONVENTION OF TEACHERS

Every Assurance that We Shall Have a Tremendous Attendance.

On next Tuesday, December 28, the Florida State Educational Association will convene here. This is to be a great gathering of representatives from all sections of the State. All preparations are practically complete. The committee on correspondence has written to

everybody except the weather man and now they are going to enter fire on him.

There is no doubt whatever that the association this year will receive the most cordial welcome it has ever received in its whole history. There is nothing the matter with the "DeLand spirit." It's all right. DeLand feels toward all Florida as to a brother, and the citizens here feel toward the Florida schoolmarm—and this term is not used in reproach but in affection—as though they were sisters. Now, here is a suggestion to our home people. There are lots of things we can do to beautify our premises and to dress our homes and streets in holiday attire.

Mrs. J. L. McCrory is chairman of a sub-committee on reception. Every citizen of the city who can be helpful in the work of her committee should report to her so that there may be unity of effort, and that no one in his enthusiasm working alone, may interrupt the general plans which have been made by the committee in the interests of all.

Now, let's all do ourselves proud in the entertainment of our guests.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE RETURNS DR. TABOR

Rev. Edward F. Lay Chosen Presiding Elder for This District.

At the session of the annual conference of the M. E. church, South, held in Lakeland, appointments of interest to the readers of THE NEWS were made as follows:

Miami District—Presiding Elder, Rev. Edward F. Lay; DeLand, Rev. U. S. Tabor; Key West (Spark's Chapel), Rev. E. A. Harrison; New Smyrna and Port Orange, Rev. C. G. Mitchell.

The many DeLand friends of Dr. and Mrs. Tabor, will be pleased to learn that they were returned to DeLand.

A South Carolina boy, under eighteen, has been awarded a diploma by Secretary Wilson, for proficiency in corn growing. The yield of his special acre was 152 1/4 bushels.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

There was a good attendance at the Woman's Club on Tuesday afternoon, notwithstanding the threatening weather.

At the close of the business session, the president, Mrs. W. J. Harkness, made a little talk appropriate to the holiday season, wishing all the members and friends a Merry Christmas.

Owing to the illness of a number who were to have participated in the afternoon's exercises, the program was short but an unusually good one, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. It was given under the direction of Mrs. F. E. Bond, and consisted of piano solos by Miss Stella Bauer and Miss Parrish, two vocal trios by the Misses Bauer, and a selection read by Mrs. Wilman entitled "Aunt Jane of Kentucky at the Woman's Club."

During the social hour refreshments were served by Mrs. G. W. Fisher, assisted by Mrs. Rosa, Mrs. Hays, Miss Laura Fish, Miss Edwards, Mrs. G. B. Selden, and Mrs. G. T. Haynes. The decorations were bouquets of roses and ferns, and potted plants.

Sales By Gould-Wooten Agency.

The Gould-Wooten Agency reports the following sales for the current week: L. B. & T. H. Hord to E. B. Richardson, building lot on east Wisconsin avenue in Pine Heights addition. Spear & Wood to Mary P. Dater, orange grove on North Boulevard. C. S. Gailbreath to James M. Adsit, five acre orange grove near Beresford.

Dr. Marion Lawrence, probably the greatest Sunday School authority and speaker in the country and secretary of the International Sunday School Association, will give an address in the auditorium of the university at 3:30 o'clock next Sabbath afternoon. Everybody should make an effort to hear him on that occasion.

CRIMINAL COURT

Cases and Sentences Since the Report Last Week.

Criminal Court completed the business of the term on Saturday, and discharged the jury. During the session cases were disposed of as follows, besides those cases mentioned last week:

FOUND GUILTY.

Henry Morritt, larceny and receiving stolen goods; sentenced to five years in the State penitentiary.

Jim Woodward, assault with intent to murder; found guilty of aggravated assault; awaiting sentence.

Sam Alford, assault with intent to rape, five years in State penitentiary.

W. C. McHale, desertion of wife and children; six months on county roads.

There were only four jury trials during the term, in each of which a verdict of guilty was obtained by Solicitor Fish.

PLEAD GUILTY.

Jim Jones, assault and battery; sentence suspended during good behavior.

Vind H Howard and Demsey Roundtree, affray; \$2.50 and costs or 40 days each.

Thomas Coleman, petit larceny; \$2.00 or 90 days.

CONTINUED FOR TERM.

James Hampton, aiding escape (two charges).

Lula Hammock, affray.

Fred Lane, assault with intent to rape.

M. J. Williams, Rosa Gibson, Lula Hammock, Adam Carlton, illegal sale of liquor.

Stella Robinson and Lena Robinson, assault and battery.

Sylvester Frazier, larceny and receiving stolen goods.

Charley Mobley, carrying pistol without a license.

John E. Seoville, grand larceny, and Walter C. Pollock, grand embezzlement. (In these two cases Judge Perkins is disqualified.)

J. L. Gieger, Albert Goodrich et al., illegal fishing.

Son Dixon and Sam Smith, petit larceny.

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Mary Davis, petit larceny.

In County Judge's Court.

Three cases against the Atlantic Coast Line were tried in county judge's court on Monday, as follows:

Geo. Leeland, for cow killed by train, sued for \$60.00; jury awarded complainant \$50.00.

I. D. Robinson, for cow killed, sued for \$85.00; jury awarded \$75.00.

John Peacock sued for the value of wood hauled, laid beside the track, and which was burned by woods fire. The court directed a verdict for the defendant.

SANDBAGGED AND ROBBED

Hutch Pooser Has an Unusual Experience Sunday Morning.

While on his way home about 2 o'clock Sunday morning, when on the Boulevard, just north of Kruse's bicycle shop, W. H. Pooser was struck on the head with some blunt instrument, and rendered unconscious.

When he regained consciousness, he was in the rear of Oscar Davis house, behind some boxes near the woodshed, and it was about 5:30 Sunday morning. His hat, a large pocketbook containing some papers, two small pocketbooks and about \$9.00 in money which he had on his person at the time were gone. He thinks, from the feeling and sensation he experienced after regaining consciousness, that he was chloroformed as well as sandbagged.

On Monday a negro brought his hat and the three pocketbooks back to him, stating that he had found them in the yard at the rear of the Baptist church. Hutch was badly bruised and dazed, though there are no evidences of foul play on his head or body. He was able to return to his duties on Monday.